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May 11, 2011

Distinguished members of the Board of Corrections,

It is the Sagadahoc County Board of Commissioners' understanding that LD 422 has been referred to you by the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee with an expectation that the controversy surrounding the funding of the operations of the Two Bridges Regional Jail will be put to rest once and for all. Sagadahoc County, like all the other parties involved, is anxious to resolve this matter equitably.

The Sagadahoc County Commissioners have authorized Sheriff Merry and I to advise you that they are happy to support the passage of a revised version of LD 422 which apportions equally the combined total of Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County's corrections related caps under 30-A MRSA § 701, subsection 2-A so that each of the two Counties has a separate corrections related cap of \$2,657,105 beginning in July 1, 2012. Attached is language which Sagadahoc County recommends be used to amend LD 422.

Sagadahoc County's support of the attached language is contingent upon:

- Lincoln County's assurance that all counts and claims of the law suit which Lincoln County has file against Sagadahoc County will be promptly dismissed and withdrawn from the courts and furthermore that Lincoln County will file no future action against Sagadahoc County pertaining to this matter.
- The change in the amount of each County's corrections related cap become effective as of July 1, 2012. (Sagadahoc County has already completed its budget process for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.)

- LD 422 and any amendment thereto will not combine the corrections related caps of the two Counties.
- In addition to clarifying the corrections related cap for both Counties, LD 422, 30-A MRSA § 701 and/or 30-A MRSA § 710 will include clarification that either:
 1. The operational costs of Two Bridges Regional Jail shall be split equally between the two Counties, or
 2. The Board of Corrections retains authority over jail related budgeting matters including the allocation of costs borne by Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County, with the understanding that such allocations cannot exceed either County's individual corrections related caps.

Sagadahoc County hopes that you will give favorable consideration to the proposal contained herein.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela S. Corrigan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "S".

Pamela S. Corrigan
Sagadahoc County Administrator